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For: SAMPLE TREATING KIT AND SAMPLE
TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME
FOR ANALYSIS WITH A BIOSENSOR

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is provided in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 3, 2002 (Paper No. 20), and is timely filed on February 24, 2003 in advance of the March 3, 2003 deadline for response set by the Examiner.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 19 to read as follows:

19. (Thrice amended) A sample solution treating instrument comprising:

(a) a sample introducing part;

(b) a control means for converting a sample solution to a condition for analysis

by a biosensor that electrochemically measures a specific component in the sample solution, wherein the control means comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of a catalyst that converts an interfering substance in the sample solution to a harmless substance having no adverse effect on a measurement result of the specific component obtained by

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